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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

I hope this message finds everyone staying healthy and doing well. We have been notified that the Anaheim Downtown Community Center will reopen on June 15. This is great news! Their operating hours will be from 8a to 8p Monday through Friday and from 8a to 5p on Saturday and Sunday. The change in Community Center operating hours will require us to change our lapidary shop hours. We are thinking the new shop hours will be Thursday from 3:30 to 8p and Saturday from 12:30 to 5p. Please give us some feedback on these new shop hours. We are working on establishing a date for the shop's reopening – a more detailed announcement will be made soon. The change in Community Center operating hours will also require us to move up the start time of our monthly meeting from 7p to 6:30p so our regular monthly meetings will now run from 6:30p to 8p.



More good news here is that we are planning our first in-person general meeting in well over a year for Tuesday July 13 starting at 6:30p. Please help us get the word out to friends of the club. Our program will be a "show and tell" session with lots of social time to catch up and hopefully we will be able to introduce some of our new members who have joined the club over the past year or so. If you would like to share some of your lapidary work or collecting finds at the July 13 meeting, please contact Sharon Burson or myself. Please mark Tuesday July 13 at 6:30p on your calendar – I look forward to seeing you in person for our July meeting.

Speaking of dates and in-person get-togethers, our club's annual picnic will be held on Saturday August 7 at Yorba Regional Park. Please mark this date on your calendar. Some of the details are still being worked out – so stay tuned for more information coming soon.

May's general meeting program was an overview of Mount St. Helens given by Sandie and Tony Fender. It's hard to believe that the cataclysmic eruption of Mount St. Helens was way back in 1980 – 40 years ago. Sandy and Tony gave a great talk on the history and geology of Mount St. Helens. Thank you Sandie and Tony for sharing your knowledge with us.

One last thought, in order for our club to continue to do well in the future, it will take all members to give some of their time and talent to support the club. Officer elections for 2022 will be coming up in just a few months – the election will take place at our November general meeting and the newly elected officers will take over leadership of the club immediately after the election. Please consider supporting the club by running for a board seat or filling a director role next year.

That's all for now Searchers. See you (in person) soon!



Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- June 1st ZOOM meeting

Member Meeting- June 8th ZOOM meeting

NOTE: The latest is that the Community Center is still closed

Searchers board meeting – May 4th

The Searchers board met via Zoom on May 4 at 6:30 pm. Items discussed included:

We'll set up a Zelle account to let members pay dues online. As soon as they're available, the details will be sent to the Searchers members.

We're making plans for what needs to be done when the Anaheim Downtown Center reopens. For example, checking the equipment stored in our workshop.

We've started planning our annual August picnic. More information will be available later.

We decided to postpone scholarships until we're fully open again. Our income sources are severely restricted right now, with no annual show, and some members unable to pay dues because of the pandemic.

Searchers general meeting – May 11th

The Searchers meeting was held on Zoom on May 11 at 7:00 pm. At least 18 households attended. Announcements included:

Longtime Searchers member Herb Beckman recently passed away. Several members spoke about Herb's patience and skill in teaching them how to make cabochons. Herb was very active in Searchers, serving as President when needed, and he led the workshop for years. We don't have any information yet about a service, but will pass the information on when it's available.

The May field trip will be at Clear Creek on the weekend following the May meeting. See the Rock Slab for details.

The Show Committee probably won't meet until the end of this year, but we are tentatively planning to hold our show next year. Many clubs have cancelled their indoor shows this year, including the American Opal Society's Opal Show, but some outdoor shows across the nation are being held.

Our speakers were Sandie and Tony Fender, who spoke about the 1980 Mount St Helen's eruption. Highlights included:

Mount St Helen's used to be beautifully symmetrical. A 5.1 earthquake preceded the eruption, which blew off the top and part of one side, causing a large amount of earth to slide down the mountain. Magma erupted from the top and the blown-out side.

Ash spread many miles away, and the tops of trees were twisted off. A lot of water and mud, due partially to suddenly-melted snow, flowed down the mountain. A river that had been about 4 feet wide before the eruption became more than 70 feet wide.

In the months following the eruption, many changes to wildlife and plants were noticed. There was a large number of frogs that year. They were underground at the time of the eruption, and therefore not harmed by it. When they emerged, most of their predators hadn't returned to the area yet, so more frogs than usual survived.

About 90% of America's apples come from that area, so when the apple trees were covered by ash, the farmers expected a disaster. They cleaned off their trees as much as possible, and hoped for the best. But that year was the best apple crop ever; the ash was a great fertilizer.

Plants gradually grew back in areas that had been buried in mud, partially due to seeds dropped by birds as they returned.

The mountain has been mostly quiet since 1980, although it emitted a little lava and a lot of smoke during 2004.

Mount St Helens has the world's youngest glacier now; it formed as a result of the eruption. Strange disk-shaped clouds sometimes form around the peak as the wind shapes smoke rings.

You can get a permit to climb the mountain, but note that it can be dangerous because of loose rocks underfoot: ash, pumice, and basalt. People have made a forest-green glass from crushed rocks that include chromium.

May Meeting May 8th

Speaker: Paul Edison

Topic: Geology of the Portland Oregon Basin

Description: A good introduction to geology of the Pacific Northwest.



Searchers will have the **General Meeting by Zoom, June 8th 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Zoom is dependent on a computer/tablet/phone with a microphone and camera, and Zoom loaded on it.

If you need to download Zoom, do so at <https://zoom.us/>

We would set an appointed day and time (have Zoom downloaded) and then click on the meeting link below. Then you would click the "join meeting" button, then enable your microphone and enable your video.

If you are using an iPad you might have to touch the screen to see the speaker and video options at the bottom.

NOTE: for those who can't use Zoom, call us, we would love to have you!

Topic: Searcher's Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

The club purchased our own Zoom account when we learned that Margaret would be retiring this year. The Zoom ID that has been set up for our general meetings is;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86169783495?pwd=QzQwTndNc0lSajRNdW5raTZ5NkZaZz09>

Searchers New Logo Wear Website

Here is the link:

<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/searchers-logo-kim-strange.html?product=regular-tshirt>

Once the page loads, the default is a men's t-shirt but the drop down menus on the right side allow the selection of different sizes, colors and types of apparel. In addition, scrolling down on the page then shows a variety of other logo items - from cell phone cases to tote bags to notebooks and everything in between. Let's see if we can work up some sort of standing notification in the slab each month to try to generate some interest. The club earns a small commission on each logo item sold so this is a fund raiser for the club. Let me know if you have any questions.

Saw Oil Available

The club supplies saw oil at a good price. It is located at Jim Peterson's home. Bring your own 5 gallon container. The cost is \$60 for 5 gallons. Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to "Searchers"



Upcoming Field Trips

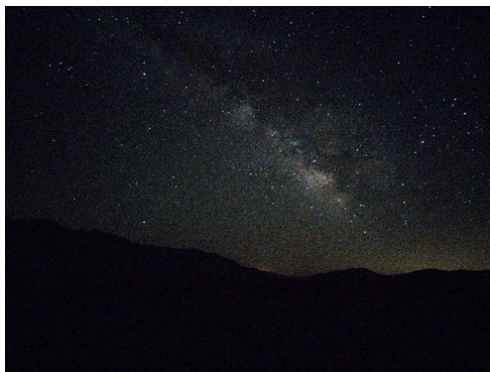
June 2021: TBD, keep an eye out for e-mail blast.

We have a few cooler temperature spots under consideration for a June trip.



Field Trip Report: Ballarat, CA, May 8-9 2021

A small group headed up thru the Searles Valley and Trona to visit Ballarat. We sought out the onyx and marble that the area is known for. It was a great weekend of desert driving, rockhounding, and camping. One highlight of the trip was seeing the SpaceX Starlink satellites which had just launched the previous week and showed up on the horizon like a string of pearls moving across our field of view. With regards to the sites in Gem Trails of Southern California. Site A with a large marble rockslide is now 1.5 miles up a canyon wash behind a BLM Wilderness fence. If you wish to collect this material, I would suggest you start early in the morning to avoid the heat on the hike in!



Field Trip Report: Clear Creek Management Area, May 15-16, 2021

A nice group of Searchers met in the mountains of the Central Coast region to explore the Clear Creek area for plasma agate and other interesting minerals. We camped at Jade Mill and enjoyed beautiful weather for rockhounding and being away from the city. We were glad to be joined by new members Elaine and Cary, and also great to see the Duncan's out as well. We carried Herb Beckman in our hearts and on our hats, with some special plasma agate hat pins made in memoriam. Special thanks to Rick for keeping me well fed!

Clear Creek field Trip



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Introduction to the Mojave National Preserve by the USGS

<https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2004/1007/geologic.html>

Many of our field trips are to the Mojave Desert. Want to learn more about it? Check out the Introduction to the Mojave National Preserve by the USGS. It has sections on geologic history, physiography, carbonate, granitic, and volcanic rocks and landforms. Also covered are faults, tectonics, pediments and alluvial fans, stream features, and playas, sand dunes and dust. As rockhounds we have much to learn. Check it out! <https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2004/1007/geologic.html>

The Passing of a Great Searcher - Herb Beckman

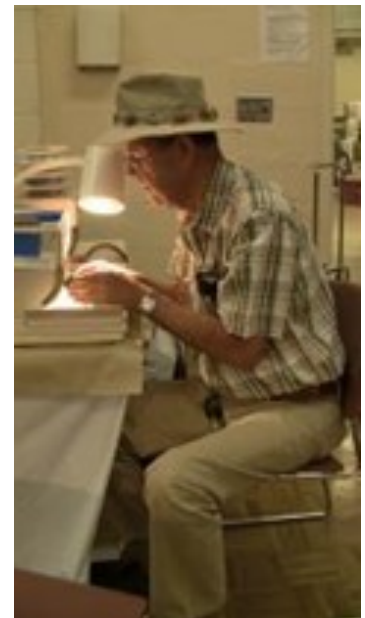
We have been informed that long time Searcher Herb Beckman has passed away. Herb was instrumental in the Searchers for many years. In addition to being a past president, he also ran the club shop for many years. In that role he taught many a new Searcher how to cut their first cab. Herb was a lapidary perfectionist, and a walking encyclopedia of rock types. In years past, Herb was also a fixture at our annual show, demonstrating cabochon cutting for everyone who was interested. And this was after setting up the electrical system for the show, having already done the show layout drawing.



Herb will be sorely missed, he was a classic rockhound and loved by many. Hopefully he is finding some good collecting in that great agate patch in the sky.

I remember that Herb running the shop and teaching people lapidary was kind of a rite of passage for new Searchers. He was a very thorough and detailed teacher, and very sloooooow. He spent a lot of time ensuring you learned the right way to cut stones, and he could be trusted to point out all the flaws, and work with you to fix them. He would explain every step of the way. Your first cab might take 2 shop sessions to make. But when you got done you had learned the right techniques. Herb was good man.

Steve



In addition to what others have mentioned, Herb was a demonstrator at the show, the entire weekend. He set up a Genie on the end of the demonstration table and patiently showed all interested attendees how to make cabochons. He often used his hat band to illustrate the variety and beauty of rocks. In particular, he especially loved the plasma agate cabochon from Clear Creek. I truly appreciate his dedication to the Searchers.

Margaret

I'm so sorry to hear about Herb. He trained me on making a cab when I first joined the club. He was patient and always available to answer questions. I remember he used to say "keep grinding" when I didn't quite have the knack of the dome on a cab. Before COVID, I thought I had heard that he had been caring for his wife the last couple of years which is why he hadn't been in the shop. Seemed like a real gentleman.

Kim

Herb was a hero, he was a past President. A jack of all trades on show days. His ability to read blueprints and connect all the electrical he could run it all. He's been with the club a lot longer than most people realize. I don't think he enjoyed the limelight of the presidency. So he keep the Workshop equipment together through a multitude of moves from numerous venues. Sharp, intelligent engineer background. He was the guy to turn too when things got tough. We will sorely miss you.

Robert Burson



Show News

We are planning on having our 2022 show the first weekend of May. Did you know that it takes a year-round effort to put on our show? Keep the show in mind as you collect and create. The show needs many, many prizes, large and small, for young and old, for every gender. The show, in particular the Silent Auction, is our main income source for our 501(c)(3) club. Searchers can give you a tax letter for your donation. Here are some ideas for how you can help the show:

Cut slabs for prizes, the veteran's hospital lapidary program, the silent auction, and the monthly Searcher General meeting raffle.

Make an extra item when you are creating.

Put rock-related things aside to sell on the Searchers Sale table. You can even donate the proceeds to the Searchers!

Set aside quality material for the Silent Auction

Re-gift a rock-related prize that you don't really need

At our first in-person Searchers general meeting I plan to bring show prize examples to get those creative juices going! Feel free to bring some, too! We welcome all contributions! Let's make our next show the best one yet!

Keep on rocking!

Upcoming 2021 CFMS Gem Shows

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site: www.cfmsinc.org

Due to the ongoing virus check to see if any shows are still on.

2021 Shows

June 12-13, 2021 – Escondido CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido CA 92025
Saturday – 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4PM

Palomar Gem and Mineral Show – presented by the Palomar Gem and Mineral Club. Held in the California Arts Centers museum and ballroom. A beautiful indoor facility. Secure for vendors and comfortable for attendees. 30-35 dealers.

Website: pgmcshow@palomargem.org

June 25-27, 2021 Lodi, CA – Cancelled CFMS Annual Show and Conference

June 27, 2021 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook CA 92028
Time 12 Noon – 4 PM
Contact (760) 728-1130

Email: info@fgms.org

We will be following all CDC and government guidelines at this event. Everyone is welcome to our annual Rough 'N Cut! Come visit our world renown gem and mineral museum, meet fellow gem and mineral enthusiasts, and have a great time shopping for natural treasures. We are selling: lapidary materials, equipment, minerals, gemstones and more earth science treasures!

“We do not accept vendors for this event”

August 14-15, 2021 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
“Inspiration Unearthed”, 62nd Annual Tournament of Gems

Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia

Hours: 10-5 Daily

Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381

Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com

Website: pasadenalapidary.org

September 4-5, 2021 – Reno, NV

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Jackpot of Gems

Reno Convention Center, 4390 S. Virginia St., Reno

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

Contact Dan Ellis, sailondan55@aol.com

www.renogms.org

September 18-19, 2021 – Chico, CA

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928

Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM

Contact: 1 530 586-7052; Website: <http://featherriverrocks.org>

October 9-10, 2021 – Los Altos, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
One No. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022

Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Contact: 1 (408) 834-5384,

steve_job@sbglobal.net

Website: <http://pggs.org>

October 10, 2021 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
Fall Festival of Gems

Location: Across the street from the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum, 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA in the parking lot.

October 10th, 9 AM – 4 PM

Contact (760) 728-1130

Email: info@fgms.org

We will be following all CDC and government guidelines at this event.

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society proudly presents our annual Fall Festival of Gems – Reinvented! At this family-friendly swap meet you will discover gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry treasures and more! Visit amazing vendors featuring from rough stone to finished jewelry. Meet our team of friendly volunteers! Learn more about geology! and much, much more! Food will not be offered at this event but there are several amazing local restaurants ready to serve!

October 30-31, 2021 – Mariposa CA

Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mountains of Minerals Show
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Rd.

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4 PM

Contact: Meredith Meehan, mgmc@sti.net

Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

November 13-14, 2021 – Yuba City

Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral Society
29th Festival of Gems and Minerals
Yuba – Sutter Fairgrounds

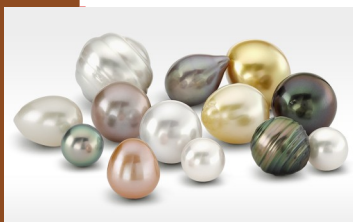
442 Franklin Ave., Franklin Hall, Yuba City

Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

Contact 916 677-6696, horita@comcast.net

Website: <http://sutterbuttesgemmin.org>

June Birthstone: Pearl, Moonstone, Alexandrite



Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Board Meetings: 6PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday 5:30 to 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 7:00 PM

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